METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit



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Why BRT?



Less Boarding Delay



Congestion-free Ride



All-day, Frequent Trips



Reliable Service



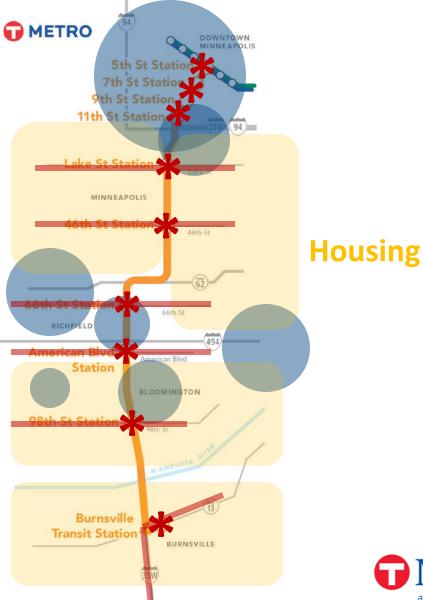
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Transit Connections





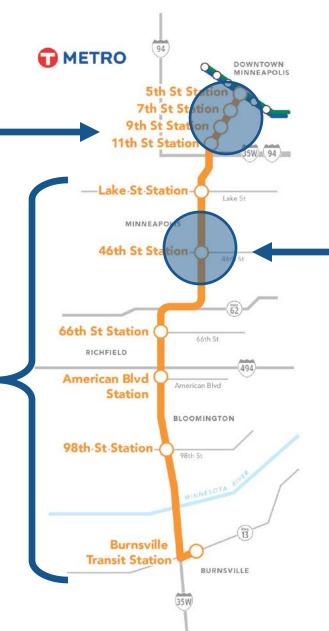
Build on Past Investments



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MnPass Lanes



46th Street





Improve Capacity of Existing Facilities

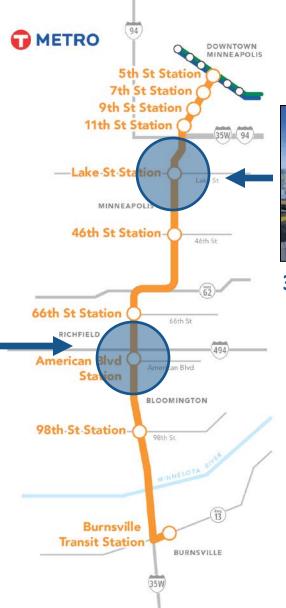


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Catalyze Planned Projects



494/35W Interchange





35W Lake Transit/Access Project



Improve Fleet and Service







- New vehicles for station-to-station service
- Low floor, multi-door boarding
- New station-to-station service
- Explore transit advantages on 11th and 12th Streets in downtown



Project Coordination

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I-35W Orange Line

• Fleet

- Ticket vending machines
- 66th Street
- 98th Street
- Burnsville Transit Station improvements
- Minor downtown improvements

Lake Street Transit Station

I-35W/Lake Transit Access Project

Highway rampsBridge replacementBike/ped connections

American Blvd Transit Station & Park & Ride

I-494/35W Project

I-494/35W flyoverHighway and Access improvements



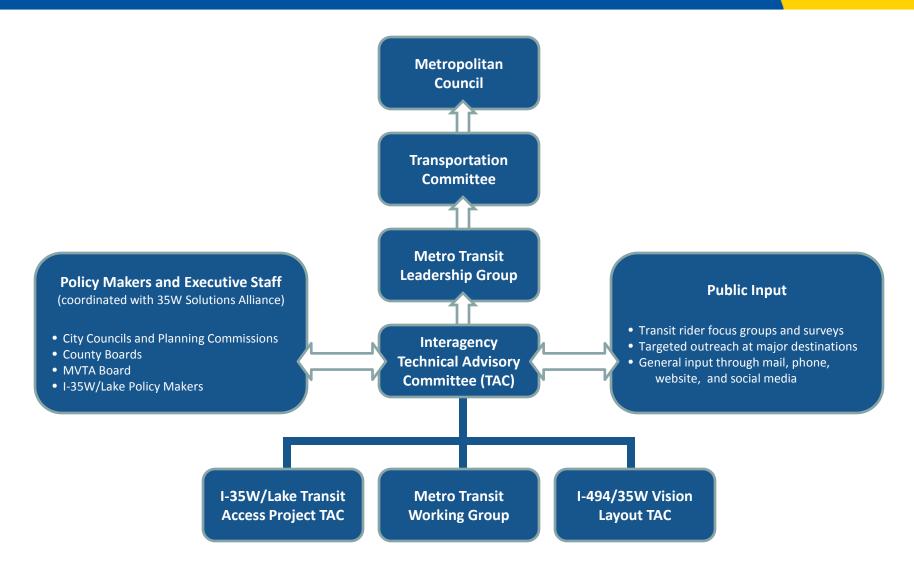
	2013 Goals
1	Document previous planning
2	Determine environmental (NEPA) path
3	Develop existing conditions report
4	Compile demographic & land use information
5	Review transit service planning
6	Forecast ridership
7	Create conceptual design for 66 th , 98 th & BTS
8	Develop project scope, budget & timeline
9	Define implementation roles & responsibilities
10	Scope Orange Line Phase II



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Develop Orange Line Project Plan Update						
Apply for Funding						
Public Input for Planning						
Orange Line in Project Development						
Complete Environmental Work						
Orange Line Construction						
Service Restructuring Plan						
Orange Line in Service (Phase I)						
Coordinate with Related Projects						



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